



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Drought conditions continue for Colorado as temperatures remain above average with below average precipitation. Various parts of the State received limited rainfall with some scattered showers but topsoil and subsoil conditions were rated mostly very short last week. Irrigated crops continue to progress ahead of normal due to the hot temperatures. Non-irrigated crop conditions continue to decline due to the dry conditions. Range conditions continue to decline and are still in critical condition. Farmers were allowed 6.8 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	61	33	6	0
Last Week	51	40	9	0
Last Year	12	33	52	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	65	30	5	0
Last Week	59	35	6	0
Last Year	16	32	50	2

Small Grains: Spring barley progressed to 99 percent turning color with 37 percent harvested by the end of last week. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 99 percent turning color with 25 percent harvested. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition by the end of the week.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 96 percent silked, 40 percent dough, and 5 percent dented. The crop condition ratings ranged evenly from very poor to good. The harvest of corn silage began last week with 2 percent harvested. Dry bean progress was reported 81 percent flowered and the crop ranged in good to poor condition. Dry onions harvest was 14 percent complete with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 37 harvested by the end of last week with the crop in mostly fair condition. Sorghum progress increased to 70 percent headed with 30 percent turning color. The crop ranged evenly from good to very poor condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good to fair condition and fall potatoes were rated in mostly good condition. Sunflower condition ranged evenly from good to very poor at the end of last week.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 12, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	33	23	22	20	2
Last Year	2	4	25	53	16
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	5	19	67	8
Last Year	0	3	44	44	9
Spring Wheat					
This Week	6	13	21	55	5
Last Year	0	15	48	31	6
Sorghum					
This Week	28	22	24	25	1
Last Year	2	12	49	35	2

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland continues to decline and is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest reached 94 percent of the 2nd cutting complete and 47 percent of the 3rd cutting complete. The crop condition fell last week and ranged from good to very poor condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 12, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	57	29	12	2	0
Prev. Year - 2011	25	18	19	30	8
5-Year Avg.	10	13	30	38	9

Livestock: The condition of livestock was rated fair to good at the end of last week. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies have been reduced due to the drought and high demand and were rated short for this time of year.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 12, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	94	82	83	84
3 rd Cutting	47	24	15	11
Corn				
Silked	96	92	91	96
Dough	40	26	17	30
Dent	5	4	-	3
Corn Silage				
Harvested	2	-	-	-
Dry Beans				
Flowered	81	69	62	79
Dry Onions				
Harvested	14	4	4	2
Sorghum				
Headed	70	58	54	65
Turning Color	30	15	21	33
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	99	88	93	96
Harvested	37	17	27	28
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	99	91	87	89
Harvested	25	18	11	17
Summer Potato				
Harvested	37	19	4	4

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	23	15	28	31	3
Dry Beans	12	21	43	24	0
Dry Onions	1	3	20	71	5
Fall Potatoes	0	0	25	70	5
Livestock	6	14	42	37	1
Sugarbeets	3	12	25	56	4
Summer Potatoes	7	16	65	12	0
Sunflowers	23	23	26	26	2

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

